



## Oppose Proposed Welfare Legislation

**SUPERVISORS-POOR COMMISSIONERS MET IN GRAYLING.**

**21 Counties Represented At Gathering**

Representative county poor commissioners and supervisors of 21 Michigan counties held a meeting at the courthouse Tuesday noon for the purpose of considering the merits of proposed state legislative measures that are to come up in the next session of the legislature. The question had a bearing on emergency relief measures.

President M. S. VanGeison of Flint and Vice President A. C. Hauffee of Saginaw, of the State Association of Supervisors conducted the meeting. President VanGeison read a copy of the proposed legislation that is being offered by State Welfare Commissioner Haber and others in which there seems to be considerable opposition in the state.

At a meeting of the State Association of Supervisors held in Lansing November 18th, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

First, That the State Emergency Welfare Relief Commission be merged with the State Welfare Department.

Second, That each county board of supervisors be authorized to appoint a relief commission consisting of not less than three or more than five members for the purpose of supervising the expenditure of all state and federal appropriations for direct relief, hospitalization, old age assistance and mothers' pensions; that the city or township having the largest population within the county be allowed to have not less than one member, who shall be appointed by the governing body of such unit and approved by the board of supervisors; that the superintendents of the poor or any other elective or appointive county, city or township official be eligible to membership on the commission; the members of the commission to serve without compensation.

Third, That the county relief commission be authorized to employ such administrative and clerical help as may be necessary and fix their compensation, subject to the approval of the county boards of supervisors.

Fourth, That copies of these resolutions be presented to Governor Frank Murphy, Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald, and to the Welfare and Relief Study Commission, the special commission studying these problems.

At the annual convention of the State Association of Supervisors to be held in Lansing in January, there will be amendments attached to this resolution providing for State financial aid to each county on a fair basis.

The session held here Tuesday lasted several hours and the question came up for a lot of discussion. Before the meeting concluded the above resolution was offered the supervisors and

## City Offices In New Quarters

**FIRE HALL REMODELED FOR OFFICES AND FIRE DEPT.**

Offices of the City of Grayling and city library are now comfortably quartered in the remodeled fire hall. Transfer was made from the old Town hall last week.

An addition was built on the rear of the fire hall. Beneath the new part is a full basement in which is housed a modern steam heating plant which furnishes heat for the office quarters and also the front rooms which are being used for housing the city's fire-fighting equipment. Also on the main floor is the city library, which has been taken over by the city from Grayling township.

The interior finish is of masonry and looks very attractive. The office furniture fits into the new quarters very nicely. The entrance to the offices are at the rear of the east side of the building, passing thru the library quarters.

The front part of the building is still in use for fire-fighting equipment, where steam radiators keep the place comfortable and warm and where the fire-trucks are kept in condition for quick use. These latter have for many years past been kept in a public garage and this change is saving about \$200 in rental expense.

City Manager George Granger planned the new quarters and it looks as tho he had done a good job. The council may now hold its meetings in their very own quarters. The City still owns half interest in the Town hall with Grayling township. Both the City and Township will now have more commodious quarters for their affairs.

Judge Joseph Sabath, the "world's champion divorce judge," tells how to keep your marriage a happy and successful one! Read his article, "Have Faith in Marriage." It appears in This Week, the color magazine with next Sunday's Detroit News.

poor commissioners present and was unanimously approved.

The state is being divided off in districts for the purpose of organized participation in the shaping of such legislation. This is to be known as the Grayling district and consists of 21 counties, as follows, together with the representative for each subdivision:

—Oscoda and Alcona—M. O. Rhoades, of Loomis.

—Clare and Gladwin—Adelbert Greer, Gladwin.

—Benzie, Grand Traverse and Leelanau—E. A. Nickerson, Traverse City.

—Crawford and Roscommon—Axel Peterson, Grayling.

—Manistee and Wexford—Wm. Hodges.

—Missaukee and Kalkaska—Benjamin Shettemhelm.

—Antrim, Otsego and Charlevoix—Judge W. Severance.

—Alpena and Montmorency—Mr. Martindale and Earl Estes.

—Emmett, Cheboygan and Presque Isle—Andy Grant.

# Christmas Time



PHOTO BY FRANK FOURNIER, 1936

O H, what joy there is in living on Christmas:  
What a charm there is in giving on Christmas  
What a pleasure 'tis to see Children dancing merrily 'Round the decorated tree on Christmas!

## Toledo Store Plans Snow Train

**WINTER SPORTS EXCURSION TO GRAYLING, MICH., IS ARRANGED**

(From the Toledo Blade in its Dec. 17th issue)

Toledo winter sports enthusiasts needn't go abroad to St. Moritz. Knysbuhel for their snow sports, because the current Snow Train vogue will shortly make its debut in Toledo. Designed to transport city dwellers out where the zest begins, the Snow Train idea was introduced in the east several seasons ago and achieved enormous popularity.

Seeing no reason for keeping Toledo out of the best snow circles, Lasalle & Koch's has arranged to sponsor a Sunday Snow Train to Grayling, Mich., the finest winter playground hereabouts, Jan. 10.

Grayling is well equipped with the best in toboggan chutes, bob-sled runs, skating rinks and ski slides and jumps for the novice and expert. For the more sedate this winter wonderland provides excellent snow shoe trails into the hills.

First class all-steel coaches will compose the caravan and a baggage car for equipment, and a buffet dinner will be included. Reservations may be made in the North-South shop on Lasalle & Koch's third floor. Lodges and organizations may arrange to have their own private car if they purchase 65 fares.

The train will leave Toledo Union station at 6:30 a. m. and will return at midnight, with four hours at the Sports park.

In the same issue of the Toledo Blade that the above article appeared, Lasalle & Koch's published a large advertisement, nicely displayed illustrated with pictures of snow train and winter sports scenes. The wording of the advertisement was as follows:

Lasalle and Koch's sponsors Toledo's first Snow Train to Grayling, Michigan, finest winter playground in the Toledo area, Sunday, January 10. Round trip \$3.70.

America has gone Winter Sports mad. In many eastern cities Snow Trains are weekly institutions during the Winter. Lasalle & Koch's sees no reason why Toledo should be kept out of the best snow circles.

So we've arranged to run a Snow Train to Grayling on Sunday, January 10. Tickets are now on sale on the third floor in the North and South Shop, and we suggest that you make an early reservation.

Get up a party. If your club or organization can mobilize 65 persons—you can have a whole car to yourselves.

Take the whole family for a wholesome winter outing.

Even if you don't skate, ski, slide or toboggan, go along for the fun and fresh air.

It's inexpensive—and it's the thing to do!

All About Lasalle & Koch's Snow Train

1. The fare, \$3.70, covers rail transportation from Toledo to Grayling, and from the Grayling station to the Winter Sports Park and back. Children from 1 to 11 years inclusive, \$1.65 round trip.

2. Leave Toledo Union Station Sunday, January 10, at 6:30 A. M. Return to Toledo at midnight. Three and a half hours at Grayling.

3. Specially chartered Michigan Central first class train with all steel coaches; baggage car for your skis, toboggans, luggage; restaurant car serving inexpensive sandwiches, coffee and light refreshments.

4. No crowding. Cars have 84 seats but will carry only 65 passengers.

5. The Winter Sports Park at Grayling has the finest skating rinks, ski runs and toboggan slides in Michigan. Last Winter over 8000 Detroiters Snow-trained to Grayling and had the time of their lives.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL Given Under Auspices I. W. L.**

Everything is progressing satisfactorily for the local New Year's Eve ball which is being sponsored by the local chapter of the Izaak Walton League, and indications are that the ball will prove to be one of the most attractive New Year's Eve parties Grayling has ever had.

The various committees in charge are functioning at full speed and the decorations are now being put up with the idea in mind of making this ball bigger and better than ever.

Music by Donohue's Detroit Orchestra

The local chapter were indeed fortunate in securing the Tom Donohue orchestra from Detroit and are thus assured of excel-

## Winter Sports Membership on Sale

**ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE IN DECEMBER.**

Secretary Charles E. Moore of the Grayling Winter Sports Association, Inc., announces that sale of memberships to the association has already started. Harold McNeve, has been appointed chairman of the membership committee.

There are three classes of memberships. A \$5.00 membership entitles all members of the family to enter the park at any time and to the use of the toboggan slides and other park facilities. These are intended for use by business and professional men and others whose income would warrant supporting the Association, and who benefit from the park's activities. \$2.50 tickets are for working men and their families and provides the family with the same privileges as the \$5.00 ticket. The \$1.00 ticket is for individuals of limited income, and children. These latter do not permit use of the park on Sunday afternoons, when the usual 25c admission charge is made.

Tickets are on sale at Mac & Gieley's Drug store, the Chris Olsen store, at Spikes, and at Shoppenagons Inn. Mr. Moore urges everyone to purchase tickets without solicitation at these places. The committees are working hard these days, getting the big park in working condition and ready for the big crowds that are certain to be here.

Through the cooperation of the State Conservation commission and the federal government, Grayling Winter Sports association has been allotted two large CCC buildings from Camp Harwick Pines for their winter park. These buildings are each 22 feet in width and more than 120 feet in length. Contract has been let to the State Highway department for moving the buildings to the park, under direction of Supt. Tony Nelson, where they will add plenty of space for accommodating the crowds. They will be heated and made comfortable and will be most welcome to the park patrons.

## MRS. REAGAN FUNERAL WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

The funeral of Mrs. Robert Reagan held Saturday afternoon with services at the home was attended by a large circle of sorrowing relatives and friends. The Rev. Edgar Flory officiated, and Mrs. Roy Mimes, accompanied by Mrs. C. G. Clippert beautifully sang "My Task."

From out of the city the following were in attendance at the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Johnston, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Malenfant, Mrs. J. E. Schley, Mrs. W. H. Conboy, Cheboygan; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gower, Port Huron; Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Insley, Miss Margaret Insley, Mrs. C. W. Skinner, Mrs. Alex. Mason, Edward Mason, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Peterson, Bay City; Mrs. William Pinkston, Dearborn; and Max Reynolds, Ann Arbor.

Eva Robinson was born in Grayling February 4, 1885 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Robinson, who were among Grayling's earliest settlers. This had always been her home. After leaving school she was employed in Grayling's first telephone exchange, established by the late M. A. Bates, and she also served as clerk in the local postoffice for some time. She was united in marriage to Robert M. Reagan in 1911, the latter passing away six years ago. Mrs. Reagan served as Register of Deeds for one term and of late had been a case worker for the Crawford County Welfare administration.

Mrs. Reagan was prominent in Grayling's social circles—ever since she was a young girl. By her fine spirit and friendliness she gained a wide circle of loyal friends. Mrs. Reagan will be missed by many people.

She is survived by one daughter—Miss Elaine, a senior student in the U. of M., who says that she will continue her college work, just as her mother would wish her to do. Also there are two sisters—Mrs. L. H. Johnston (Lillian) and Mrs. Joseph Malenfant (Maude) who survive.

Interment was in Elmwood cemetery beside her late husband.

lent music for this event.

Invitations have been cordially extended to our neighboring towns of West Branch, Roscommon, Kalkaska and Gaylord that they may be on hand to watch the old year out and usher the new year in. The ball will be held in the local High school and dancing will start at 10 p. m. to continue to the wee hours. Don't miss this event.

## Shoppenagons Cocktail Room



It's  
**Hot Tom and Jerry Time**  
at Shoppenagons  
Cocktail Bar

Drop in for one of these  
delicious hot drinks.

**Shoppenagons Inn**

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## Flooring Co. Employees Get Bonus

**2% OF 1936 PAYROLL TO BE DISTRIBUTED**

Fred W. Welsh, president and manager of the Kerry & Hanson Co., announced Wednesday that all employees of that firm who have been on their payroll for the entire year and are still employed will be given a 2% bonus according to the wages paid them during the present year.

Coming as it does at this Christmas time this will no doubt be welcome news to those men who are to be so generously favored. Surely there is a Santa Claus and we know the people of Grayling

in their good fortune.

The officers of Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co. are to be congratulated and commended for this generosity.

**JOIN I. W. L. BY DEC. 31ST.**

The Crawford County Izaak Walton League chapter wishes to advise that their charter will close Dec. 31, 1936. Those that join this organization by that date will become charter members and their names will appear on the charter.

This does not mean that you cannot become a member after that date but only that you will be a charter member if you join by Dec. 31, 1936.

The local chapter meets on the third Wednesday in each month, so plan on being present at each meeting.

R. A. Wright, President.

## Reynolds Enrolled In Chicago-trip Contest

The Michigan Public Service company has enrolled all electric salesmen and agents in a Christmas Chicago contest. Each salesman that sells ten ranges or water heaters during the holiday season wins a free trip to Chicago and a visit to the Hotpoint factory.

We do not know what the outcome of the contest will be locally but up to the time we go to press Local Manager Don Reynolds had nine sales with only one more to go to win in this contest.



**CRAWFORD AVALANCHE**  
O. F. Schumann, Owner and Pub.

Entered as Second Class Matter at the Postoffice, Grayling, Mich., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1919.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES**  
One Year ..... \$1.75  
Six Months ..... \$1.00  
Three Months ..... \$0.50  
Outside of Crawford County and surrounding per year, \$2.00  
For strictly Paid-in-Advance Subscriptions.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24, 1936

**FORMER GRAYLING GIRL PASSED AWAY**

Mrs. William J. Hoffman, who will be remembered as Mary Nelson, passed away at her home in Lansing Saturday, following a long illness.

Mrs. Hoffman was born in Grayling in 1890 and was the youngest child of the late Fred and Lillian Nelson. She had been married to Mr. Hoffman for 15 years.

Surviving are her husband, three children, and one daughter. Mrs. Hoffman was a member of the Lutheran church.

**AUXILIARY ENTERTAINS KIDDIES**

The Auxiliary of the Lutheran church will entertain the kiddies at a party on Sunday afternoon at the church.

**Births**

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hoffman have a son, born Dec. 20, 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Hoffman have a son, born Dec. 20, 1936.

**RECREATIONAL NOTES**

Wednesday evening, December 23, was a red letter date for the children and parents of the South Side. On that evening the children of the South Side were entertained by the parents of the children.

The program was varied and interesting, including a variety of games and a variety of songs. The children enjoyed the program very much.

**MASONIC LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS**

The Grayling Masonic lodge installed new officers on Sunday afternoon. The new officers are: Wm. J. Hoffman, president; Fred Nelson, vice president; and John Smith, secretary.

**MASONIC LODGE GIVING BENEFIT DANCE**

The Grayling Masonic lodge will give a benefit dance on Saturday night at the Grayling hotel. The proceeds will be used for the purchase of a new building for the lodge.

**WELL KNOWN WOMAN DIES**

Mrs. Wm. J. Hoffman, a well known woman in Grayling, died on Sunday afternoon. She was 65 years old.

**LOCALS**

Members of the Kiwanis club are holding a New Year's party at the Shoppings Inn.

Grayling's January is driving a flashy new truck. It's a Ford, and it's a very attractive one.

There will be a special meeting of the Grayling chapter of O. E. S. on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30.

Attention, officers of Grayling chapter of O. E. S. Please report for meeting Monday evening, Dec. 28.

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Give Winter Sports membership for Christmas gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Goshorn are driving a new Ford car, purchased at Burke's.

If you plan to spend New Year's Eve at Spike's Gardens, reserve your table at once. All tables to be reserved.

Buy your Winter Sports association membership now, with-out solicitation, and save the committee the trouble of having to call on you.

The official theme song of Grayling Winter sports is "Winter Wonderland." Why not get our local youngsters busy learning to sing it? It's a great song for ice clubs.

Masses at St. Mary's church on Christmas will begin with a low mass at 6:45 followed immediately afterwards by another. At 10:00 o'clock there will be a high mass.

As I have sold my dairy business I would appreciate it very much if those owing accounts would drop in at the AuSable Dairy at the same location and settle same. Thank you—Mrs. Emil Kinnee.

Men are busy building toboggan slides at the Winter Sports Park and all that is needed now is freezing weather. The buildings have been moved to the park from Hartwick CCC camp and will soon be ready for use.

The little kiddies have been having a lot of fun down town these days talking to Santa Claus. And Old Santa has been enjoying the experience equally as much when explaining to the youngsters all about toyland and about his reindeer.

The weather today doesn't look very good for winter sports, as it is very mild and snow and ice are thawing rapidly. Over Sunday, Grayling was visited by quite a heavy fall of the beautiful and the temperature got to almost freezing. If the mud weather continues there will be very little snow for Christmas.

Fred W. Welsh has the honor of having been elected district president of the Boy Scouts organization. This district takes in North Eastern Michigan, including the "Thumb" counties.

Mr. Welsh has for years taken active interest in Boy Scout work both locally and in the district. This is the finest young boy activity anywhere in the world and deserves the time and support of even our busiest business and industrial men. Congratulations, Fred, and we know the scout organizations in the district are going to profit by your administration.

After a couple of months of more or less disorder and commotion the Avalanche office is now enjoying a fine 25 foot square cement basement and a modern Timken Silent Automatic oil burner steam boiler. The basement was built by Len Isenbauer and his crew of workmen and they did a fine job. This affords the office with additional floor space which was so much needed. The heating plant was put in by Ahman & Rehnkopf and is the very latest type, and excellently installed. The office and work rooms are now always comfortable and warm at all hours of the day and night and not only afford us greater comfort but keep the work rooms at the right temperature for efficient service. Anyone interested in inspecting these improvements will be welcome to come in at any time.

**VICTOR PETERSEN BUYS DAIRY BUSINESS**

Mrs. Charles Kinnee has sold the AuSable Dairy business to Victor Petersen of Grayling. Mr. Petersen will take over the business on January 2nd, and will move it from the present location to the Moshier building on US-27.

The new proprietor needs no introduction to Grayling as he is a son of Hans Petersen and this was his home for many years. The location selected is a very good one and as Mr. Petersen has had a lot of experience in dealing with the public, there is no doubt it will be a success. Welcome back to Grayling.

Mrs. Kinnee however has made many friends among her patrons, who are sorry to have her give up the business.

**HOME FROM SCHOOL**

The following young people who are attending various colleges and schools are home for the yuletide vacation: Charles Wylie, Olivet college; Nels Olson, M.S.C., Lansing; Emil Kraus Jr., U. of D., Detroit; Misses Virginia and Yvonne Kraus, Marygrove college, Detroit; Don Gothro, Cleary Business college, Ypsilanti; Carl Peterson, Hillsdale college; Misses Elizabeth Kraus, Grace Woodburn and Eunice Schrieber and Charles Corwin, Jr., C.S.T.C., Mt. Pleasant; Sam Gust who is attending a trade school in Lansing.

**Church News**

Sunday, Dec. 27th. 10 o'clock—Church School. 11 o'clock—Morning Worship Service: "Looking Forward." This is New Year's Sunday, and the service will be appropriate for the occasion.

**SANTA IN STORY LAND**

Pupils of the grades of Grayling school presented, last week Wednesday night, the opera "Santa in Story Land," to a room full of parents and grownups. About 100 youngsters took part in the performance including fifty taking part in the choruses.

Miss Bath, teacher of music, planned the affair and was assisted by 12 of the teachers. Music was furnished by the high school orchestra.

This was the first musical presentation by the school since Miss Bath became the school music instructor and received many deserved favorable comments. We are sure the public will be looking forward to many more public functions from this department.

The Misses Ella and Margrethe Hanson and Miss Jayne Keyport arrived this morning from Lansing and are spending Christmas with their respective families.

**Teams Drop Games To Gaylord**

The power of the Blue and Gold of Gaylord high school was too much for our Northern Lights, Friday Night, as they dropped a hard fought battle to the visiting five by a score of 29-24.

Grayling was in charge of the lead almost consistently until the beginning of the final stanza in which Gaylord scored eight points to the homesters' two. At the finish of the first period the locals enjoyed a six point lead, the count being 9-3, and were still holding on to a four-point margin at half-time, with a score of 12-8 in their favor. In the third go the up-state squad pushed their total to 20, just two points behind the locals and then in the fourth stanza took possession of the lead and went on to win the ball game by 29-24.

As has been the case in previous contests this season the Green and White got off on the wrong foot, allowing the visitors to score three points by means of a charity shot, and a side-pot tally. Although getting off to a three-point advantage the scoring spree of the men of Makiel was stopped short and they were robbed of their lead as the local aggregation began to click. The reward for a successful fast break by Coach Cornell's squad was an under-the-basket tip-in by Jorgenson. This two point total was quickly added to as Coultis swished the net from the foul stripe, making the count three all. Captain Ed Chalker cleverly mastered the tie situation as he hit the hoop with a spectacular long shot from behind center and Bowen tallied two more points when he slipped out of a hot spot to dribble around the left side for a pop-shot. Hanson, pulling out of a tight jam in mid-court, rifled a pass to Chalker under the net, who again rang up two markers, bringing the score to 9-3 at the bell sounding ending the first period.

To begin the second stanza the Gaylord quintet scored from the foul stripe, and then, characteristic of Gaylord luck, one of the visiting players calmly tossed the ball over his head into the hoop. Coach Makiel's charges again counted with a two-point shot after Jorgenson had hit the net for a charity point. Bowen wound up the fracas by making the basket talk to the tune of two markers. The score: 12-8. Grayling still in the lead.

The locals seemingly had the situation pretty well in hand as the game advanced into the third canto with Chalker scoring twice from in under the basket. Gaylord came through with a two-point tally and a charity counter only to be set back again as Chalker, the man of the occasion, looped a beautiful shot from the 10 second line. By this time the visitors were getting riled up and decided that the game was about to the stage where they should display their wares, so they began throwing that old basketball from every angle imaginable and they not only threw it but they hit the target four times in quick succession before Grayling's battling Green and White could stop the onslaught. Jorgenson came through with two points which were followed by a Gaylord foul shot and Joseph put one on the books from in under the basket to make the score 22-20, still in Grayling's favor.

The locals were outscored 8 to 2 in the final go as the visitors swept aside all opposition on their march to victory.

A fairly large crowd was on hand to see the second squad go down to defeat also, to the tune of 20-15 after playing a snappy game. More than half of the adult spectators were from Gaylord and that in itself doesn't speak well for Grayling fans.

Very little mention has been made of the Pep club which consists of Jerinne Peterson, Monica Hewitt, Naomi Wheeler, and Norma Griffith, but they have been on hand at all the games and have been doing a commendable job of cheer leading. The efforts of these girls must not be overlooked.

**TAXES DUE**

Winter taxes are due and payable at City office.

Florence Butler, City Treas.

12-3-6

**Personals**

Chuck Wylie is home from Olivet college for his Christmas vacation.

Malcolm Hoyt, of Lansing, visited Friday at the Rollie Howell home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Poor are spending the holidays in Eau Claire, Wis.

Miss Veronica Lovely is coming home from Flint for over Christmas.

W. S. Harrison and family are spending Christmas week end in Big Rapids.

Miss Margaret Cassidy of Lansing will be home for over the Yuletide week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Snow are spending Christmas in Bay City with their son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bousson will spend Christmas in West Branch with the Frank Tetu family.

All tables will be reserved at Spike's Gardens for New Year's Eve. Phone now for reservations or call in person.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cornell are spending the Christmas holiday visiting the latter's parents at Gaytown, Mich.

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Flory will spend Christmas Day in Harbor Springs, guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell.

Mrs. Fred Mutton, who has been visiting in Grayling for some time, is spending Christmas in Saginaw with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hunter and daughter Jacquelyn spent the week end with the Chester Lozon family at Maple Forest.

Mrs. Charles David of Flint is a guest this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bugby. Mr. David spent the week end here.

Harold Skingley of Gaylord was in Grayling Monday on business. Mr. Skingley is employed by the M. E. C. W. there.

Fred Welsh is home from St. John's Military Academy, Delaware, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Welsh met him in Grand Rapids Thursday.

Lawrence Kesseler and family and the former's sister Miss Margaret, of Gaylord, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Louis Kesseler.

Benton Jorgenson and two children of Detroit will be here to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Jorgenson.

Mrs. Matilda Bishop and son Douglas, of Cleveland, are spending the holiday season visiting her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Foley.

Mrs. Lipman Landsberg of Inkster is expected to come to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Moutour.

Miss Mildred Corwin, who teaches in Lansing, is home for the holiday vacation visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

Miss Anna Nielsen of Grand Rapids arrived Wednesday to remain over Christmas visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nielsen.

Guests at the home of Sam Rasmussen over Christmas will be Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson of Flint, Arthur Hanson Jr. family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rodgard and son Junior, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNeven will entertain their family at dinner on Christmas. From out of town there will be Mrs. Mattie Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith of Lansing, guests of the Clare Smith family.

Mrs. Oscar Schumann gave a Christmas luncheon to her bridge club Tuesday afternoon. The Yuletide decorations made the luncheon table bright and sparkling. Mrs. C. G. Clippert held the high score for contract.

Mrs. Walter Woodson and daughter Grace Matilda of Salisbury, N. C., and Mrs. Helen Routier and son Ralph, of Detroit, arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with Mrs. H. A. Bauman and Miss Margrethe Bauman.

Mrs. Edward Creque Jr., Flint, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Younk, Detroit, and Roy Newton of Clifford were in Grayling Friday on business and visiting the Sam Rasmussen family.

Miss Jayne Keyport was home from Lansing over the week end and entertained Miss Adelaide Lewis and Mr. Edward Sullivan who accompanied her. Miss Jayne will be coming home today for over Christmas.

Miss Elaine Reagan left Wednesday for Ann Arbor to remain during the holiday vacation and will resume her studies at U. of M. She has rented her home to Mr. Buchen, educational director at Camp AuSable.

Miss Virginia and Miss Yvonne Kraus returned home December 18 from Marygrove College, Detroit, to spend Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kraus.

Mrs. Roy McEvers is enjoying a visit from her brother William Johnson, who is accompanied by a friend, Robert Wiseman. The young men expect to remain over the holidays.

**FREDERIC SCHOOL**

The local high school basketball team defeated Vanderbilt high school team by the score of 14 to 12. The first half was played with both teams playing carefully and a more or less defensive game. The first half ended with the score 6 to 3 in favor of the locals. At the starting of the second half however the game took on a different appearance and was a very lively and closely contested game, being led by first one team then the other. Again Cousart was the high scorer of the evening but it was E. Dunckley who tied the score with his foul shot and Lozon who dropped in the winning counter in the last minute of play.

The girls' game was a hard-fought battle all the way through and ended in an 8 to 8 tie. As girls teams are not allowed to play out ties the girls had to be content to let it remain that way.

The reserve team was defeated at Elmira last Tuesday night by the score of 11 to 10. The girls team however did much better, coming home with the long end of a 16 to 7 score.

Everyone is enthused over Christmas these days. Every room has a little tree beautifully decorated.

Soon after Caroline had arrived at school one day last week and had wandered apparently aimlessly around the back of the room, the following note was found on Ervin's desk: "Dear daddy, please bring home a can of corn and nothing else." As a result the entire school is looking forward for an announcement soon.

**APPRECIATION**

The boys of the Grayling Fire department wish through the Avalanche, to thank all who donated in any way for their Christmas party.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Grayling Firemen.

**CLUB HAS XMAS PARTY**

"Our Gang" club met the the home of Mrs. Wm. Brown Thursday afternoon for the annual Christmas party for the children of the members. 17 members responded to roll call; also one guest, Mrs. Harry Worden.

A Christmas poem was given by Mrs. Charles Corwin. Games were played, with prizes awarded to Mrs. John Stephan, Mrs. Kenneth Clise, Mrs. Rollie Failing, Mrs. George Clise, Mrs. Floyd Taylor, Mrs. Hurl Deckrow and Mrs. Wm. Williams.

After the games came the Christmas tree. The tree was very prettily decorated and was very heavily laden with gifts for all the children and members; not to say anything about the bags of candy and popcorn balls that old Santa left for all.

When everything had been given-out a lovely potluck lunch was served to all. Besides the Christmas party this was also the occasion of the celebration of the birthdays in December. The following ladies were honored: Mrs. Florence Wakeley, Mrs. Archie Brown, and Mrs. Floyd Taylor. Mrs. Kenneth Clise furnished the lovely birthday cake.

Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Floyd Taylor, Dec. 31.

**WETAMACHICK CAMPFIRE GIRLS ENTERTAIN**

One of the delightful occasions of this Christmas season was a party given by the Wetamachick Campfire Girls on Monday evening at Michelson Memorial church. Fifty children of Grayling were the guests who sat down to an honest-to-goodness supper and enjoyed the singing and other festivities. Candy and nuts were in abundance.

The large downstairs room in the church was beautifully decorated with numerous Christmas trees and wreaths, the wreaths having been made by the girls of Mrs. Flory's class. The tables were also decorated in good taste, with tapers and other holiday touches.

Santa Claus came in person and greeted the children. He did not have time to distribute the huge pile of toys, but he did stop long enough to hand out three or four packages. He left the rest of that task in the hands of the Campfire Girls. Every child went home with a number of toys, and we are sure that not one of them will soon forget that party.

Our community is indeed indebted to Mrs. Flory and her loyal Campfire girls for this fine expression of good will.

**Want Ads**

**FOUND**—Young male hunting dog. Inquire at the Green Front Restaurant.

**FOR SALE**—Several Used Trailers suitable for logging. Priced from \$100 to \$300; also parts and new semi-trailers. Burch Body Works, Rockford, Mich. 12-3-8

**Rialto Theatre**

Grayling, Michigan

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN IS A CABARET NOW... AND OLD MAN RIVER'S TRUCKIN' ALONG!

**JANE WITHERS**

**Can this be Dixie?**

SLIM SUMMERVILLE  
HELEN WOOD • THOMAS BECK  
SARA HADEN • DONALD COOK  
CLAUDE GILLINGWATER

A JULEP-LAND JUBILEE OF HARLEMIZED HIT SONGS!

Jane's a joy with her Marionette Show... while Slim sells hair straightener to darky honey chiles!

"Pick, Pick, Pickaninny"  
"Uncle Tom's Cabin is A Cabaret Now"  
"Does You Wanna Go To Heaven?"  
"It's Julep Time in Dixieland"

**THURSDAY and FRIDAY****Dec. 24 and 25**

Show on Christmas Day continuous to closing.

# "Little Stories for Bedtime"

by Thornton W. Burgess

## BILLY MINK POSSESSES THE WANDERING FOOT

WHEN a person becomes uneasy and cannot settle in one place for any length of time, but wants to keep traveling, he is said to be possessed of the wandering foot. This means that he wants to wander about in search of new scenes and new adventures. To put it very plainly, he becomes a sort of tramp.

You remember that when Billy Mink discovered the traps along the Laughing Brook he decided that he



"This Place Looks Good To Me," Said Billy.

would go visiting for a while. For some time he had felt a desire to go visiting. These traps gave him a real excuse for so doing. So Billy had turned his back on the Laughing Brook and started for another brook some distance away. He had not intended to go farther than this brook. But when he got there he found that the fishing was not as good as he had hoped it would be, so he decided to keep on moving until he found a place where food was plentiful, and he would be contented for a while.

Now, while Billy Mink is a great lover of the water and is almost as much at home in it as Jerry Muskrat, he is equally at home on land. In fact, Billy often wanders long distances from water. He believes in variety and there are times when he would rather hunt than fish. He is a very good hunter, as many a mouse and bird has found out too late.

So, leaving the brook where the fishing was poor, Billy started off across country for nowhere in particular. He is one of the most independent of all the little people of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows. He never worries over where the next meal is coming from. He feels quite capable of taking care of himself wherever he may be. No one understands the art of hiding any better than does Billy Mink. He is quick as a flash, and the way he can disappear when apparently there is nothing to hide under is astonishing.

So Billy wandered about aimlessly just having a good time. He traveled mostly at night, though occasionally he became restless during the day and continued his journey then. In the Green Forest he hunted wood mice and grouse. In the open meadowland he hunted meadow mice. When he came to a brook he went fishing. So, at last, his wanderings brought him to a farmyard. There was a big barn there. Also there was a henhouse containing many hens. Between the henhouse and the barn was a big woodpile. At the sight of that woodpile Billy grinned. That was just the sort of a place he liked. You know he is so slim that he can slip through very small places, and he would be quite safe.

"This place looks good to me," said Billy. "I think I'll stay a while."

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## GREAT LAKES MOTORBUS

## THE MARCH OF POLITICS

By JOHN H. O'BRIEN

Now that the day approaches when Frank D. Fitzgerald will step out of public office a review of the man and his career is in order. January 1st will bring to an end a public career starting 24 years ago with a lowly clerkship in the Capitol and terminating with the holding of the highest office the government of this state affords.

The behavior of Fitzgerald since his defeat November 3rd is the clue to his success in most arduous of all careers—politics. His every thought has been directed toward making the path smooth for the incoming governor, Frank Murphy. He has asked his party colleagues to do nothing to hamper or obstruct the Democratic program unless such action is deemed their duty as representatives of the people. He called a "special session" of the Legislature to accommodate Murphy and the State of Michigan and he refused to grasp the opportunity of a session for anything other than the specific purpose for which it was called. He has acted the gentleman, the sportsman, and the statesman, and his conduct lends a luster to the term "politician" which it has too often lacked.

Fitzgerald rose steadily and gradually as it became apparent that he could be trusted to take on greater responsibilities. Just as he rose in the service of the state, so he climbed in the councils of his party. Just as it was recognized that he was the right man for increasingly important state offices, so was it made obvious by his conduct that he was fitted to be a leader of the party which he gave his allegiance. His success came slowly but inexorably. There was never anything mysterious or hidden about him; everyone always knew where he stood and what he would do under a given set of circumstances. He is no different today than he was years ago except that he has gained stature that comes with added years of experience.

Fitzgerald was a good governor just as he was a good clerk—because he learned his job thoroughly, worked hard at it, did the very best he could.

He leaves office a greater man than he was when he took it. He has shown that the sudden interruption of his career by defeat has not embittered him. He has taken defeat as part of the life he has chosen as his career. He has no regrets, no scores to even, no blame to attach to anyone. His defeat only served to bring to everyone's attention that here was an unostentatious man who had tackled the job of the chief executive and left a record in office that every public servant before or after him could envy. His defeat could well have soured him on the gratitude of the democracy he served so well. It is generally recognized as an unfortunate political accident. He might well have been rewarded for nearly a quarter of a century of work well done. That he does not take that attitude is to his glory.

## What Cobb Thinks about

Defender of the Constitution  
SAYS THE CALIF. LEGISLATURE SHOULD NOT PASS A BILL AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION. He follows a line of reasoning that says they are not to be bound by the constitution.

But Cobb is a free speech man. He says the government is not to be bound by the constitution. He is a free speech man. He is a free speech man. He is a free speech man.

One of the reddest of the red states is California. It has 100,000,000 people. It has 120,000,000 people. It has 120,000,000 people.

A very large number of people have been writing to Cobb. But I don't think I'm a victim. I'm a victim. I'm a victim.

REAR END OF THE BUS. Cobb is a rear end of the bus. He is a rear end of the bus. He is a rear end of the bus.

Smitty is a rear end of the bus. He is a rear end of the bus. He is a rear end of the bus.

I was on the bus. I was on the bus. I was on the bus.

WHAT IS THE BILL? Cobb is a bill. He is a bill. He is a bill.

It's just the bill. It's just the bill. It's just the bill.

Styles in Women's Hats. Cobb is a hat. He is a hat. He is a hat.

There are some songs. Cobb is a song. He is a song. He is a song.

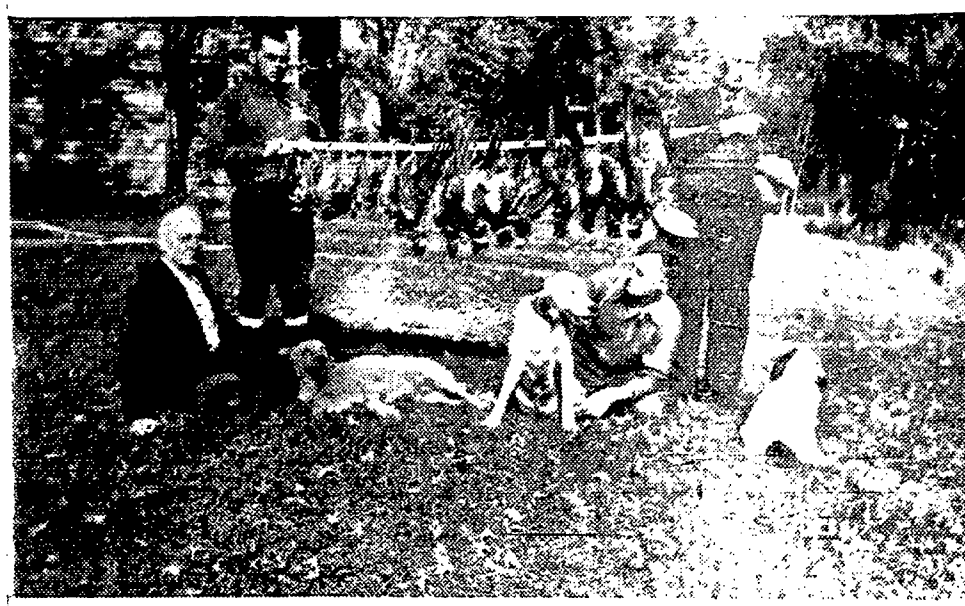
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Top—Taken at Coleman, Michigan, by D. E. Bowland, Coleman. Left center—"What Fawn" by Mrs. A. F. Longpre, Curran, Mich. Right center—Grand Lake is minus a one-and-a-half-pound bass; photo taken by Ray E. Wilson, Cincinnati, Ohio. Bottom—the AuSable, south of Lovells, by Thelma M. Wineland, Ithaca, Mich. These pictures were selected from the group submitted during the past week to the E. M. T. A. picture contest. All persons with pictures taken in the eastern section of the lower peninsula of Michigan are eligible to enter them in the fifty dollar contest sponsored by E. M. T. A. Judging will be done on the basis of the appeal to prospective vacationists.

Simply write name and address and the name of place where picture was taken on the back of every print and mail to the East Michigan Tourist Association in Bay City. The contest closes December 20th. All entrants automatically give the association full right to use prints in any way it sees fit.

## There Are Some Songs

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THERE are some songs that search the heart, The mists of memory explore, And though we dwell a world apart, And though we meant to meet no more.

I see you standing at the door, I feel your presence in the room, As one white star breaks through the gloom When day is o'er.

There are some songs that someone wrote, Who knew it not for you and me, For I have heard one perfect note, Half agony, half ecstasy, And then your face again I see, Your voice I hear from long ago, The well-remembered, though I know It cannot be.

There are some songs not born of men, Whatever name they seem to bear, Songs written with an angel's pen Sweeter than men would ever dare.

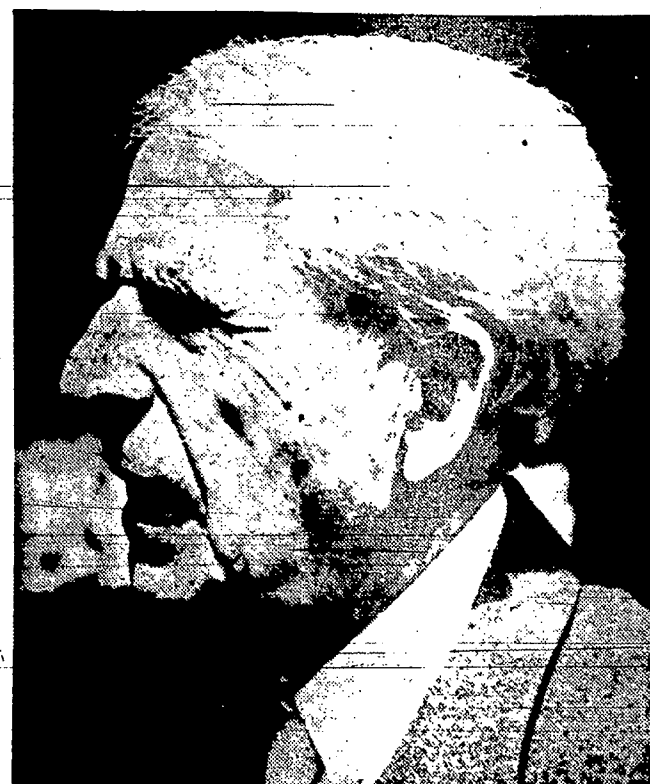
Some angel touched some poet's hair, Taught some musician more than art— There are some songs that search the heart, And find you there.

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## "Never Retire," Says Man at 104



"Never retire. When you work you give up the friendships and contacts with life that spur you on." That's the rule for happy longevity passed on by Joseph V. Hart of Los Angeles as he celebrated his one-hundred-and-fourth birthday. He added: "I gave up the most intense thing in my life when I retired—hard work. I now live to die."

## Check Crawford Avalanche

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## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE  
FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 25, 1913

Miss Emma Peterson arrived home from Detroit Sunday morning to spend Christmas with her parents. Miss Emma is engaged in a hairdressing establishment.

Monday, December 22 was the shortest day in the year, but that was the first day of winter, but you wouldn't know it from the weather—it was more like a fine day in October here.

A nice sample of dandelion in full blossom, was brought to the office Monday.

Rev. David Gimes, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Miss Anna Antons, of Minn. City, are to be married today at the home of the latter. Miss Antons is a popular teacher in Grayling schools.

Miss Emma Frederickson, who has been a competitor in this office for more than a year, has resigned her position and will attend Ferris Institute.

Mrs. William McNeven and children spent Saturday in Bay City.

Miss Jennie Anderson is spending Christmas with her parents near Cadillac.

Miss Mildred Bunting is assisting in the model bakery during the holiday rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson and son Gordon, are spending Christmas in Bay City.

Miss Mead, a teacher in Detroit schools, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Mead.

Luther Herrick has received word that his brother Charles, of Fenton, had the misfortune to lose his right hand by having it caught in a corn cutter a few days ago. Mr. Herrick is the husband of Gladys Hadley-Herrick.

David H. Crowley, of the Attorney General's office, in Lansing, has received a nice compliment from Attorney General Fellows, by being advanced to position of assistant attorney general.

M. Brenner is in the sick list, and J. J. Collin is filling the position of nightwatchman during his absence.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Jerome are spending Christmas with their son, Benjamin and family, in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. J. B. Woodburn and fam-

ily and son Ernest and wife and baby, are spending Christmas in Janesburg, at the home of Axel Becker.

Mrs. Oscar Schumann and children left Monday for Grand Rapids and Hastings, where they will spend the holidays. Mr. Schumann is to join them Wednesday night.

Miss Lucie Campbell stopped in Grayling to visit her sister, Mrs. A. M. Lewis, and family, who are here with her to New Sweden from the U. of M.

Dr. J. C. McDonald, of Fredonia, was in Grayling Tuesday, being on Christmas shopping.

Christmas in Grayling without snow and cold weather is a rather unusual event, but such is the case this year.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Charron left the city for a short time to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. A. M. Lewis, and son Leon.

Miss Zina Smith, of Harper, spent the holidays at her home in Grayling.

Clayton Spurgeon, of Maple River, is a busy boy seven years old, and has been a competitor in this office, having placed all his father's products.

A meeting of the Grange of Saturday afternoon, at the following list of officers were elected: Master, Perry Ostrander; Overseer, Chas. C. Lott; Lecturer, Carrie Cowan; Steward, E. L. Ostrander; Asst. Steward, Hugo Schumann; J. C. Chapman; Mary Burton; Treasurer, E. B. Merrill; Secretary, Arthur Ostrander; Gatekeeper, Hugo Schumann; Sgt. Charles Notte; Stephen, Pamela, James Schreier; Fred, Nancy Decker; Ladies, Mrs. Steward, Carrie Relmans.

A number of the young people are going to various schools and colleges to spend the holidays with their parents and friends. The Messrs. Harry Conning and Earl Woodburn from U. of M.; George Gross, Ferris Institute; the Messrs. Marguerite, Chamberlain, Ypsilanti, Normal; Margaretta Bauman, from Lasell Seminary, Abundale, Mass.; C. M. Menck, from Ferris Institute and C. M. Medrup, Lillian Bates and Beattie McCullough from Thomas Training School of Detroit; Miss Helen Rogan, from Ursula Academy in Toledo, and Miss Florence Smith from Mt. Pleasant Normal. The Messrs. Clarence Smart and

Lorne Douglas, also of U. of M., visited old friends here before going to their respective homes, Boyne City and Johannesburg.

Frederic News.  
(23 Years Ago)

J. C. Karnes is laid up with rheumatism.

C. S. Barber finished his job cutting logs for A. Lewis—7,000—1000 feet.

J. W. Burke had the misfortune to lose one of his driving horses Friday night.

Albert Lewis is through skidding logs and is returning with the rest for snow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Haines are spending their Christmas with relatives in Detroit.

It certainly is fine to hear the old tune whistle at the Waist. Miss plant once more. The electric lights show up fine.

Frank Leng, marine engineer, is home for a short time and to eat his Christmas dinner with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Leng. His brother, who has been on the lakes for the past two seasons, is also home.

Following is the standing of the contestants in Gardner's doll contest at Frederic: Ma-bur, 15,875; Lola Craven, 13,275; Agnes Jendron, 4,100; Clara Perry, 3,530.

Beaver Creek Breezes  
(23 Years Ago)

Miss Lillian Mortenson has gone to Flint to spend the Christmas vacation with her sister.

Mrs. J. Cook was called to Flint by the death of a relative.

John Johnson returned from Ann Arbor, where he has been in the sanitarium for some time.

Variety of Uses Found  
for Output of Beeswax

Beeswax, the main by-product of honey, also has a wide variety of uses. In addition to its extensive use in manufacturing church ceremonial candles it is employed in making wax polishes, modeling waxes, ointments, certain types of paints and inks, etc. In early times when the chief source of artificial light was the candle, says Pathfinder Magazine, the beeswax candle was much preferred to a tallow one because of its higher melting point and the fact that it gave off little odor.

The high commercial value of beeswax as the base of wax polishes is due to its fine texture and this has been known to the Old world for a long time. Many European and Japanese waxes are still derived from this source.

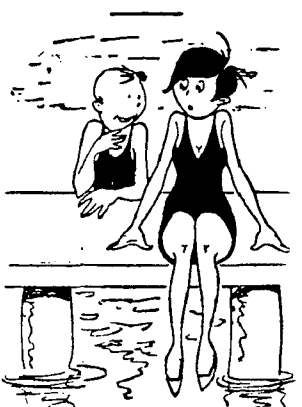
Industrial chemists who have made laboratory studies of the bee and its products find that in addition to its use as a base for wax polishes, it is supposed to be the sweetest of sugars, honey contains such minerals as magnesium, iron, sodium, lime, etc. And while they say they do not expect honey and beeswax to ever become more important industrially, it is significant that they continue their researches into the subject.

### BY MEASURE



He—Could you be as happy with me if I only had a few thousand dollars instead of a million?  
She—Yes, indeed. But not for so long a time.

### BIG SURPRISE



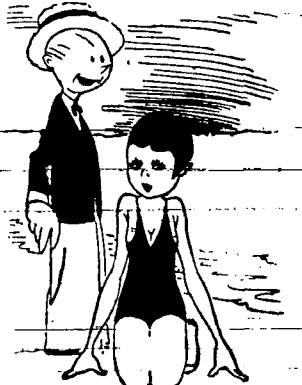
He—Darling you and I were made for each other.  
She—Maybe so but I never would have suspected it.

### JUST THINK ABOUT IT



"In de summer time I could s' all day en jes' look at de ocean."  
"B-r-r-r! Why people bathe?"  
"Yep, but then youse don't ha to drink it."

### ROOM TO GROW



Miss Pain—Papa declares that in his greatest treasure.  
Mr. Truth—Indeed! Then he is as wealthy as I supposed.

### DIFFERENCE



He—You are the first woman I ever loved.  
She—And you're about the first man I haven't ever loved.

### OUT-OF-DATE



Neverwed—The good old mother-in-law joke seems about played out.  
Longwed—The real mother-in-law never was a joke except to you guys who were never up against one.

### Constipated 30 Years Aided By Old Remedy

"For thirty years I had constipation. Sourcing food from stomach choked me. Since taking Adlerika I am a new person. Constipation is a thing of the past."—Alice Burns. Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 17th day of December, A. D. 1936.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Eva Reagan, deceased.

Lillie Johnson having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Maude M. antant, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 14th day of January A. D. 1937, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

A true copy.  
Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

12-24-4

### ABILITY TO PLAY MARKS SUCCESS

How well a person young or old can work and associate with others is a true measure of his own capabilities. This bit of philosophy is one used by Mrs. Lydia Lynde, Michigan State College extension specialist in child care, in suggesting that even children of pre school age need planned recreation and mingling with others of their age.

Groups of mothers here and there in Michigan, she finds have solved part of the problem by setting up schedules and planning lunch menus so that the children are gathered up mornings to spend the day at the home and then the next in groups of four and five. The extra time is appreciated by the mothers whose children are visiting, while the children benefit by learning how to be sociable.

"An abundance of material things is desirable, but happiness comes first," advises Mrs. Lynde. "Life at best is not so material as it is a matter of happy human relationships. Some farm families should take some of the emphasis they place on luxuriant crops and sleek cattle and turn efforts toward proper child development, in growth and happiness, proper foods, clothing and companions."

As part of Michigan State College school of the air programs on station WKAR, Mrs. Lynde will present programs on the radio this winter on the subject "Understanding Your Child." Enrollment may be made by sending names to the Home Economics Extension Office, East Lansing. Radio school dates for the subject will be January 4, February 1, March 1 and April 5.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of George J. Knecht, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that 4 months from the 14th day of December A. D. 1936, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office in the City of Grayling, in said county, on or before the 19th day of April A. D. 1937, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 18th day of April A. D. 1937, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 14, A. D. 1936.  
Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

12-17-4

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Fannie A. Buckley, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that 4 months from the 4th day of December A. D. 1936, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling, in said county, on or before the 5th day of April A. D. 1937, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday, the 5th day of April A. D. 1937, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated November 28, A. D. 1936.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

12-3-4

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### Franklin Used Glasses; "Near," "Far," His Idea

It was Benjamin Franklin in the 1780s who gave the first stimulus to spectacle-making in this country, notes a writer in the New York Sun. After all, it was he who, through his printing press and his Poor Richardisms, began the greatest to date, strain upon innocent eyes, and so perhaps it was only right that he should provide the panacea. It seems that he himself had been carrying around two pairs of specs, one for "seeing near" and one for "seeing clear." It was a bother to change for near and far sight, and so he conceived the idea of cutting his lenses in half and putting the uppers of one pair and the lowers of the other pair into the same frame, when, lo, the bifocal had arrived. Although a long step toward ease and convenience, these first bifocals had a hard, straight line which came directly in front of the pupil.

Even though we were at the mercy of foreign manufacturers our little shops did their best to supply our eye needs. Hannah Brialant, in 1753, kept shop in Philadelphia "in Second street near Black-Horse Alley". She carried "Variety of the finest crystal spectacles set in Temple Steel. Leather and other Frames. Likewise true Venetian Green Spectacles for weak and Watery Eyes, of Various Sorts. Also Concave Spectacles for short-sighted Persons, Magnifying and Reading Glasses, Telescopes, Perspectives, with Multiplying Glasses and Glasses for Davis's Quadrants, etc. Also ox-eye Glasses for taking Landscapes." A "perspective" was a "spying glass," and the "ox-eye," a large glass for taking in miles of "landscape" or "landscape".

### Pebbles and Bread Crumbs

Once Used to Do Problems

French children love to hear tell of the budding genius Andre Marie Ampere, who, while still far too young to deal with figures, worked out mathematical sums with pebbles and bread crumbs.

Ampere had a sad life. When he was eighteen, in 1793, his father, a justice of the peace, who had withstood the worst excesses of the Revolution, was imprisoned and soon afterwards executed. Only his deep and ardent interests in poetry, music and botany saved the young man from succumbing to his subsequent depression. His one great happiness was in his wife, Julie Caron, whom he met in 1786.

After two years' married life, relates a writer in the Philadelphia Inquirer, he had to leave her and his infant son at Lyons, where he had been teaching, in order to earn more money for them by lecturing physics and chemistry at Bourg. It was after writing many brilliant articles on the mathematical theory of gambling, demonstrating that the chances were against the habitual gambler, that Ampere found a place as professor of mathematics at the Lycee of Lyons.

He had scarcely settled in Lyons, however, when his adored wife died.

### Dead Sea—Lowest Spot

With an average level 1,300 feet below the Mediterranean and with a proper depth of another 1,300 feet, the Dead Sea is the lowest spot on the world's surface. It fills part of a great rift in the earth's surface. As a natural reservoir with no outlet, its only method of getting rid of the 8,600,000 cubic meters of water that pour into it every day from the Jordan and the Judean hills is by evaporation under a glowing sun and continual winds that blow during eight rainless months. This evaporation has left behind an enormous store of chemicals. Though only 47 miles long and 9 miles wide, the Dead Sea contains some 40,000,000,000 long tons of salts in solution. One of the most valuable of these is muriate of potash, of which more than 2,000,000,000 tons are thought to be present.

### Aurora Borealis

The Aurora Borealis in the northern hemisphere and the Aurora Australis in the southern hemisphere are due to similar causes. The usual theory is that the displays are caused by the encounter of electrons from the sun with gases such as krypton and nitrogen, in the upper rarefied atmosphere. Besides this electrical influence, there is believed also to be some connection with the earth's magnetism and with the frequency of sun spots. Proof of this is that the rays of the aurora coincide with the direction of the magnetic needle, that the needle is disturbed at such times and that a brilliant aurora is often associated with a magnetic storm.

### Norwegian Pagan Festival

Originally a Norwegian pagan festival in honor of the sun, St. Hans-eve is celebrated throughout the country with bonfires, dancing and merry-making the whole night through. In Oslo, the entire population, it seems, either boats out to islands in the fjord or goes out onto the tops of near-by mountains for the celebration. Bonfires are lighted on every hill, and at the outdoor museums here and at Lillehammer, great demonstrations of folk dancing are given.

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

In the matter of the estate of Frans H. Valk, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that 4 months from the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1936, have been allowed for creditors to present their claims against said deceased to said court for examination and adjustment, and that all creditors of said deceased are required to present their claims to said court, at the probate office, in the City of Grayling, in said county, on or before the 12th day of April A. D. 1937, and that said claims will be heard by said court on Monday the 5th day of April, A. D. 1937, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December 3, A. D. 1936.

Charles E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

12-10-4

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

In the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, In Chancery.

Ben D. Jeffs, Ralph Hoover, Charles Gray, Jay H. Taylor, and Norman Vallad,

Plaintiffs, vs.

Jerry A. LaMothe and

Blanche E. LaMothe,

Defendants.

In pursuance and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan, in Chancery, made and entered on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1936 in a certain cause herein pending wherein Ben D. Jeffs, Ralph Hoover, Charles Gray, Jay H. Taylor and Norman Vallad are plaintiffs and Jerry A. LaMothe and Blanche E. LaMothe are defendants, notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Court House in the City of Grayling, (that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for said county) on Monday, the 3rd day of January, A. D. 1937, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the following described property, parcels of land situated in the

to-wit:

All those certain pieces and City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as: "Lot Five (5) of Block Three (3), and Lot Nine (9) of Block One (1), both of Martha M. Brink's Second Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof."

The said sale will be made in parcels.

Dated, November 30th, 1936.

Merle F. Nellist,

Circuit Court Commissioner

Crawford County, Michigan.

Jerry Miltner, Charles Miltner,

Attorneys for Plaintiffs,

Elks' Temple Building

Cadillac, Michigan. 12-3-6

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May the New Year be for you a Happy and Prosperous one and may it be our privilege to add to its success.

Grayling Lumber & Supply Co.  
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It is pleasant to remember old friends, and to wish them a Merry Christmas.

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Greetings and Best Wishes for Happiness at Christmas, and our Sincere Thanks for your friendly patronage.

Herb's Barber Shop



To thank you for past kindnesses and to wish you again the Season's Compliments.

Alfred Hanson



May Christmas at your house  
Mean gold candle light,  
Holly-wreaths, Greetings,  
And everything bright.  
Friendship and laughter,  
Peace and Good Cheer,  
That continue with you,  
Through a wonderful year.

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We hope the pleasure we have had in serving you has been mutual, and take this opportunity to thank you and to extend our hearty greetings for your happiness.

Grayling Mercantile Co.



With all good wishes For a Christmas Day Filled with joy And happiness.

Grayling Machine Shop  
Plumbing and Heating



### New Year's Eve Party

School Gym, Dec. 31  
Music by Tom Donahue Orchestra, Detroit  
Sponsored by Izaak Walton League  
\$1.25 per couple.



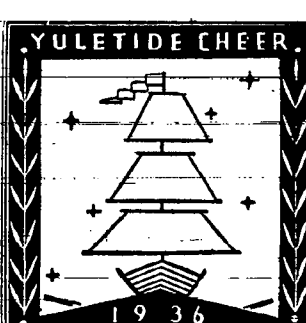
Wishing you In the heartiest way A very happy holiday For you and your family.

Olaf Sorenson & Son



To greet you at This cheery season with all Good wishes For your happiness.

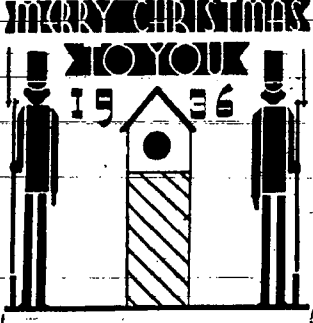
Burrow's Market



Joy as ever In the same old way With hearty wishes for A Happy Christmas.

With many thanks for past favors and best wishes for the coming Year.

Grayling Laundry



May this Christmas Season bring All happiness to you And all your castles in the air And all your dreams come true.

AuSable Dairy



Merry Xmas and Happy New Year

Chris W. Olsen



May Good Fortune and Happiness Be Yours at Christmastime and Follow You Throughout the Year.

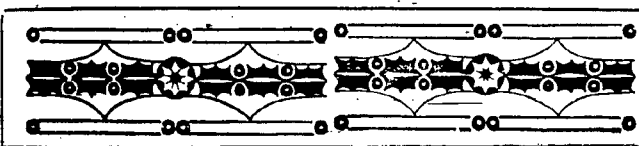
Spike's Gardens



The Holiday Season present a pleasant opportunity to express our appreciation for your kind patronage. We wish for you abundant happiness in 1937.

GRAYLING BAKERY

Charles V. Melichar, Proprietor



### To Our Patrons

The holiday season presents a pleasant opportunity to thank our patrons for one of the finest Ford years in the history of Crawford County.

May we jointly enjoy prosperity and happiness during the course of the new year.

George Burke Ford Sales and The Burke Oil Co.



As Christmas comes around we realize how much friendships mean. And so we take this opportunity to extend to all of you Yuletide's Best Wishes.

Crawford Avalanche





**Dear Friend and Customer:**

As the year draws to a close, it is gratifying to find the Holiday Season enabling us to extend a warm and friendly greeting to you and your entire household.

Your patronage has contributed to our success and happiness, and we wish to express our thanks and appreciation for it.

Friendship is the grandest thing, and the spirit of friendship is what makes Christmas the beautiful event that it is.

Therefore with a genuine feeling of gratefulness we extend to you the best wishes for a

Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

As always, yours,

Nick Schjotz



May this Christmas be one of hopes realized—happiness attained—and success in fullest measure.

**Michelson Memorial Church**

**CHRISTMAS**  
1936  
**happiness to all..**



It is folks like you whose friendship has made our Christmas a happy event. May we extend our thanks and our greetings.

**Michigan Public Service Co.**



May pleasant memories  
Of the jolly old season  
Linger long after  
The holidays are over.

**J. E. Schoonover**

Buick Sales & Service  
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Phone 5-W



A Christmas Message  
of Good Will  
and Best Wishes  
for Your Prosperity  
and Happiness.

**Green Front  
Restaurant**

Peter Lovely, Prop'r.



The same old greeting  
but with renewed sincerity,  
"Merry Christmas and  
Abundant Happiness."

**Grayling Jewelry  
Shoppe**  
F. J. Mills, Prop'r.



We can only say—  
May Peace, Prosperity  
and Happiness be  
yours.

**PLAZA  
GRILL**



To You and Yours—  
Believe the hearty sincerity of  
this little greeting and expres-  
sion of Good Will.

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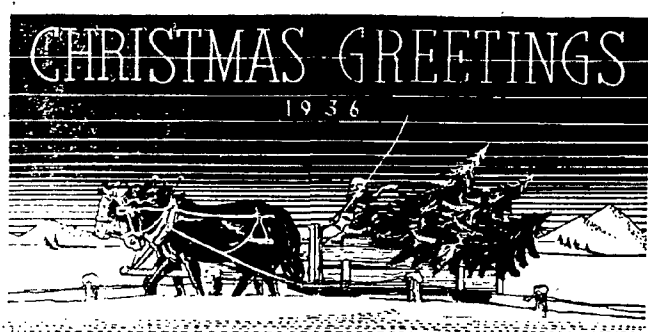
A kindly wish and a kindly  
thought for all our friends

**C. M.  
CHURCH**

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Not big or lavish, but truly sincere  
as any greeting you will receive is our  
"Merry Christmas to You."

**Cash & Carry Store**  
Minnie Hartley, Proprietor



May we add our simple greeting to  
the many you will receive at this  
season.

**Shoppenagons Inn**

**Season's Greeting**



We extend a Merry Christmas  
and a most healthful, happy  
and prosperous New Year, to  
every man, woman and child  
in Crawford County.

**Grayling Dairy Company**

A. W. Hunter, Prop'r.



At this holiday season we  
feel deeply grateful for the  
patronage extended us in  
the past year and take this  
opportunity to wish you a  
Merrie Christmas and a  
very happy and prosperous  
New Year.

**Emil Neiderer**  
Ice and Coal



Extending the greetings of the holiday  
season to our patrons and friends.

**Betty Mae Beauty Shoppe**



What's the use of thinking up  
A greeting that is new—  
When just the same good old Christmas wish  
Is what is meant for you.

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Not just a gesture—  
but truly a sincere wish for every  
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